

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

SOUTHWOOD MIDDLE

Anderson 5

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 480

Principal: Evelyn Murphy

Superintendent: Betty T. Bagley

Board Chair: Dr. William Mack Burriss

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Average	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	CA-HOLD
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	CSI

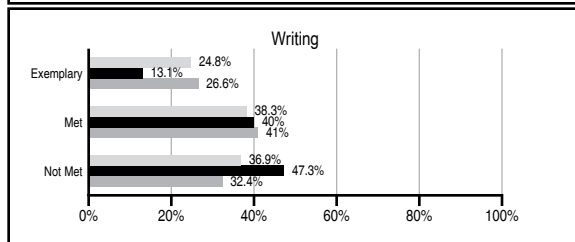
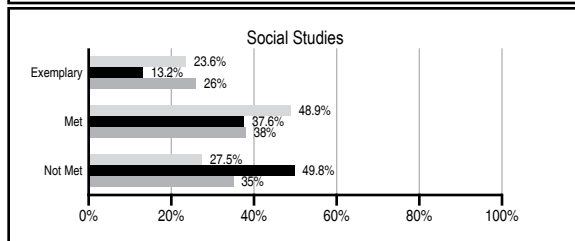
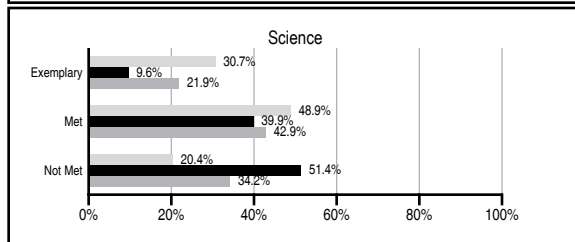
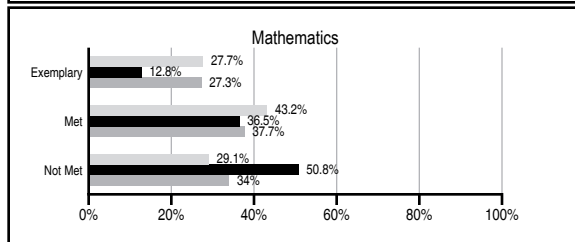
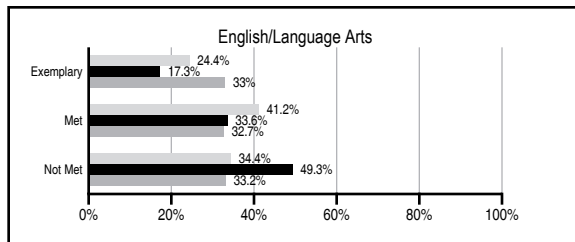
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	14	34	20

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2009)

South Carolina	32	44	23	2
Nation	26	43	28	2

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced

MATH – GRADE 8 (2009)

South Carolina	31	39	23	7
Nation	29	39	25	7

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	31	39	23	7
Nation	29	39	25	7

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	89.2
English 1	100.0	87.4
Physical Science	N/A	52.6
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	87.7

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SOUTHWOOD MIDDLE [Anderson 5]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=480)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	13.4%	Down from 15.0%	13.6%	24.2%
Retention rate	1.3%	Down from 2.4%	1.0%	0.7%
Attendance rate	99.9%	Up from 95.6%	95.4%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	7.9%	Down from 8.1%	7.0%	16.4%
With disabilities other than speech	24.4%	Up from 23.2%	14.5%	12.0%
Older than usual for grade	5.6%	Up from 3.6%	4.5%	2.2%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.3%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=47)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.2%	Up from 63.0%	58.3%	58.5%
Continuing contract teachers	89.4%	Up from 76.1%	66.7%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.3%	Down from 4.8%	12.5%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.7%	Up from 88.6%	77.9%	84.6%
Teacher attendance rate	93.6%	Down from 95.0%	95.7%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,019	Up 0.8%	\$44,664	\$46,561
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.7%	Down from 5.0%	4.7%	1.3%
Professional development days/teacher	10.9 days	Down from 11.8 days	10.5 days	10.2 days
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 9.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.3 to 1	Up from 15.8 to 1	17.9 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.6%	Up from 89.6%	89.8%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	83.5%	Down from 92.2%	97.5%	98.1%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,588	Down 5.5%	\$10,029	\$7,802
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.0%	Down from 68.7%	60.4%	63.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.9%	Down from 65.0%	55.9%	60.0%
% of AYP objectives met	95.2%	No Change	88.2%	92.3%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	50	131	40
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.0%	71.8%	74.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.0%	77.7%	67.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.0%	83.8%	67.5%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Since 1967, Southwood, smallest of the three Anderson 5 middle schools, has been considered a community school and, as such, is an integral part of the community. Parents, grandparents, and the community at large feel comfortable visiting our school. Southwood is known as a school where students are valued and the concerns and opinions of parents are important. The mission of Southwood Middle School is to prepare students to be citizens who demonstrate social and personal responsibility, cultural awareness, physical fitness, academic competence, and a desire for lifelong learning by providing challenging and diverse educational experiences in a safe environment.

Our faculty and staff are working hard during and after school in an effort to educate and assist our students in becoming effective, contributing members of society. During the 2009-2010 school year, Southwood was named a national AVID Demonstration Site, and we were recognized as a School to Watch through the National Forum for Middle School Grades. As a result of these distinguished honors, we now host visiting educators from across the state and nation.

Our challenges are to continue efforts to emphasize reading and writing instruction in all content areas, to coordinate the academic focus of the before-school and afterschool programs, to increase instructional time for low-performing students through creative scheduling, to increase the use of technology by teachers and students to enhance instruction, and to provide staff development to increase teacher proficiency in the use of a variety of instructional practices. Our Literacy Coach has worked with teachers and students to improve and implement effective strategies to enhance the instruction of reading and writing across the curriculum. Our Math Coach works individually with teachers and also conducts staff development to enhance instructional and assessment practices. Southwood was named a Title I school at the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year. Title I funds have helped to improve the technology that is available to students and teachers at Southwood.

We know instinctively that we are a team – students, faculty, staff, parents, and community – that supports each other, regardless of the obstacles, in order to achieve our goals. We hold the distinguished honor of receiving the Silver Flag Award from the state for our continued academic improvements six out of the last seven years. We are truly a school of promise! Our motto says it all: "We're Soaring to Greater Heights."

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Nori Gale, SIC Chairman

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